Notice of the Availability of Environmental Documents

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is considering approving a change in scope of a \$1,540,000 wastewater system rehabilitation project grant to the Pala Band of Mission Indians (Pala), in San Diego County, California. An environmental assessment (EA) and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) were completed by U.S. EPA and distributed in 2008. After receiving no comments, the U.S. EPA Regional Administrator signed the FNSI on July 9, 2008. The EA is being supplemented due to a change in the scope of the proposed project. A sewage lift station planned for the Sycamore Lane sewer main extension has been deleted and a gravity sewer would extend across a bridge over Pala Creek. In addition, the sewer main would be extended to tie into the existing system on Robles Way. The proposed project is partially funded through a U.S. EPA Tribal Border Infrastructure Program grant, with the balance of funding being provided by the Pala Band.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the EPA has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Supplemental Environmental Assessment and FNSI for public review and comment. The proposed revised project includes installation of 13,073 lineal feet of sewer main and sewer service lines for 63 houses, along with abandonment of existing residential septic systems. (Preferred Alternative)

Copies of the Environmental Assessment and FNSI are available for review at the following locations:

http://www.epa.gov/region09/nepa/epa-generated.html

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